

HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst, Sharon Ringenberg (260-469-4217) if you need further information about your area.



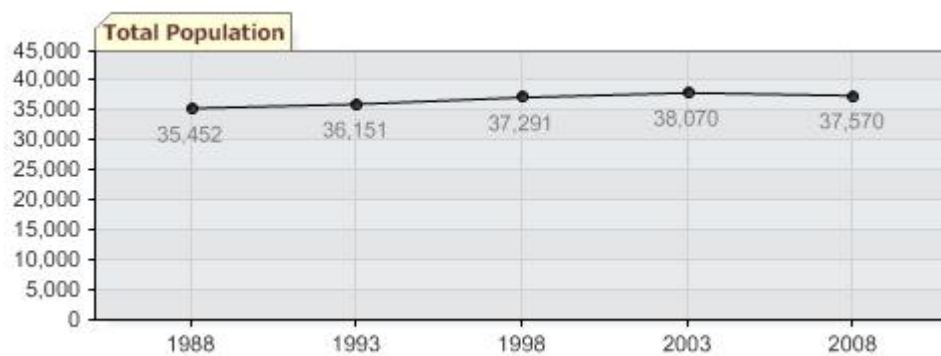
Location

Huntington County is located in north east Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Grant County and Wells County. Allen County and Wells County are adjacent to Huntington County on the east, Whitley County to the north, and Wabash County to the west. Huntington County is one of the eleven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 3.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

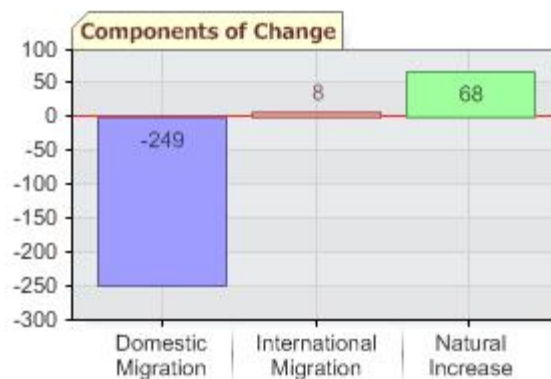
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	35,452	36,151	37,291	38,070	37,570
Change Since 1988		699	1,839	2,618	2,118
Pct. Change Since 1988		2.0%	5.2%	7.4%	6.0%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-249
International Migration	8
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	68
Births	471
Deaths	403



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

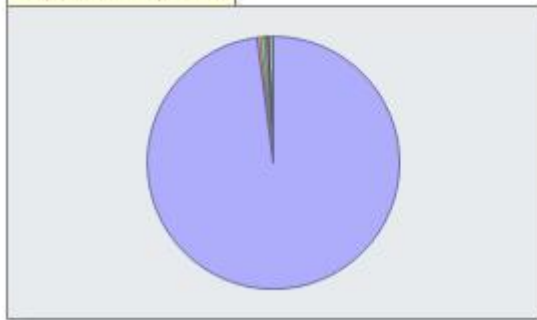
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,292	6.1%
School Age	6,593	17.5%
College Age	3,496	9.3%
Young Adult	9,787	25.9%
Older Adult	9,964	26.4%
Older (65 plus)	5,611	14.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	162	0.4%
Asian Alone	208	0.6%
Black Alone	152	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	4	0.0%
White Alone	36,959	98.0%
Two or More Race Groups	258	0.7%

Population by Race



97.96 %	White
0.40 %	Black
0.43 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.55 %	Asian
0.01 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.68 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	37,303	98.9%
Hispanic or Latino	440	1.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

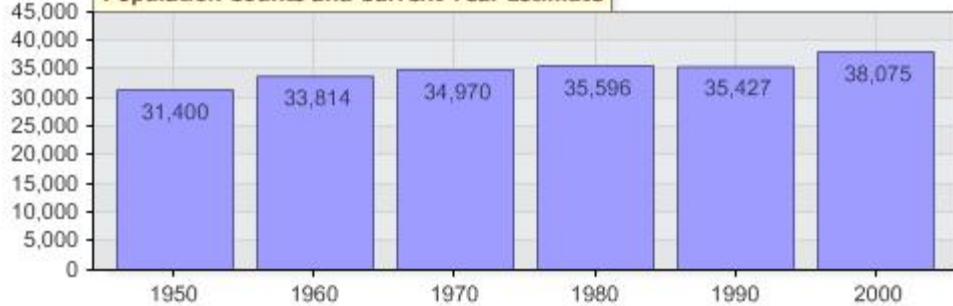
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	14,242	100.0%
Family Households	10,280	72.2%
Married with Children	3,757	26.4%
Married without Children	4,701	33.0%
Single Parents	1,137	8.0%
Other	685	4.8%
Non-family Households	3,962	27.8%
Living Alone	3,360	23.6%
Average Household Size	2.68	
Average Family Household Size	3.71	

Source: US Census Bureau

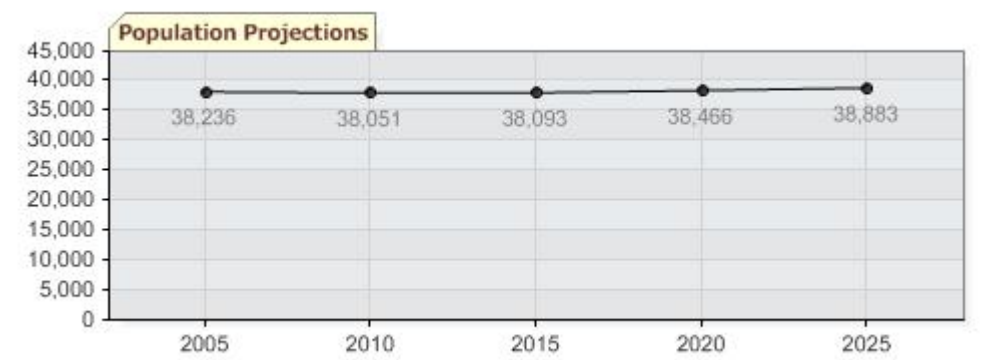
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	31,400	NA	NA
1960	33,814	2,414	7.7%
1970	34,970	1,156	3.4%
1980	35,596	626	1.8%
1990	35,427	-169	-0.5%
April 2000	38,075	2,648	7.5%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate



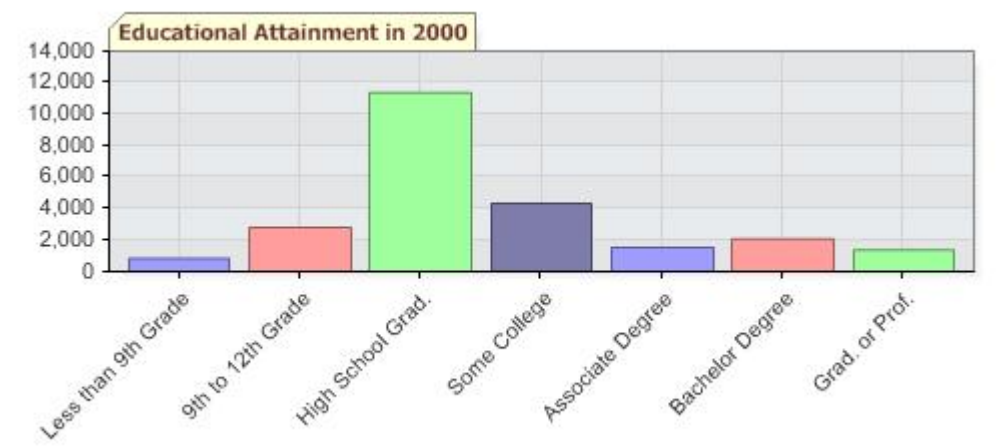
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	38,236	38,051	38,093	38,466	38,883
Change Since 2005		-185	-143	230	647
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.5%	-0.4%	0.6%	1.7%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

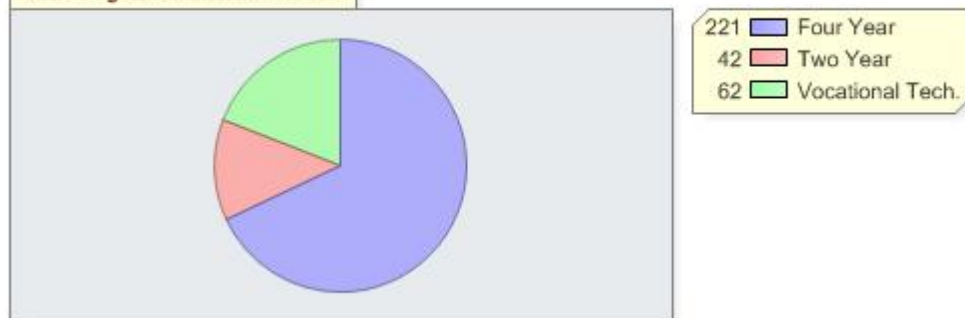
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	19,307	20,507	22,188	24,386
Less than 9th Grade	4,362	2,469	1,382	855
9th to 12th, No Diploma	3,628	3,431	3,376	2,803
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	8,367	10,115	10,119	11,384
Some College, No Degree			3,545	4,331
Associate Degree			1,151	1,548
Bachelors Degree			1,539	2,082
Graduate or Professional Degree			1,076	1,383



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	414	388	403	383
Total to Higher Education	372	340	356	325
Four-Year Institution	260	235	226	221
Two-Year Institution	65	61	38	42
Vocational/Tech.	47	44	92	62
Military	12	21	10	17

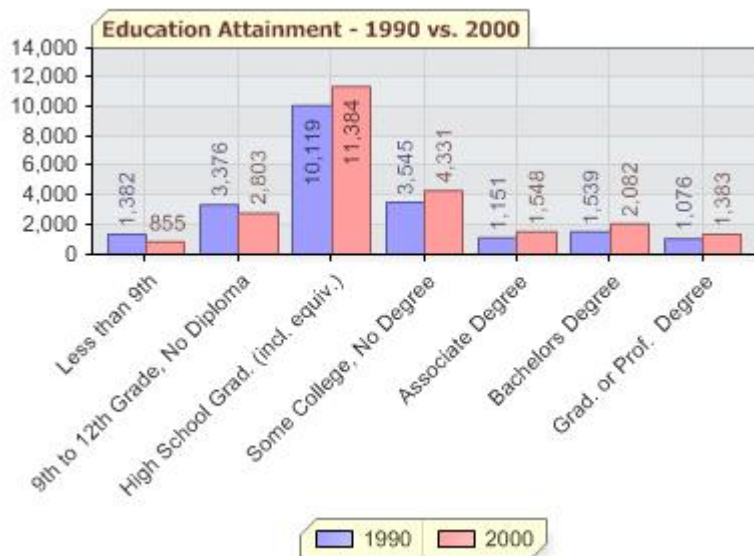
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	22,188	100.0%	24,386	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,382	6.2%	855	3.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,376	15.2%	2,803	11.5%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	10,119	45.6%	11,384	46.7%
Some College, No Degree	3,545	16.0%	4,331	17.8%
Associate Degree	1,151	5.2%	1,548	6.3%
Bachelors Degree	1,539	6.9%	2,082	8.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,076	4.8%	1,383	5.7%

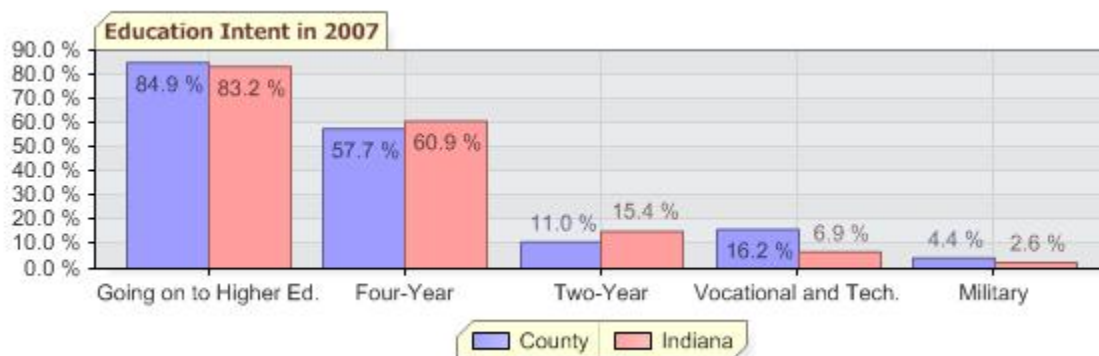


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	84.9%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	57.7%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	11.0%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	16.2%	6.9%
Military	4.4%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

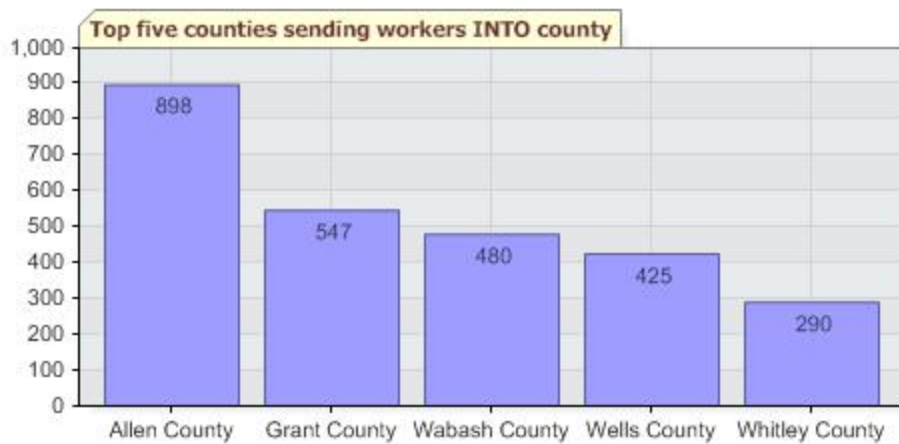
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	25,954
Number of tax filers who work in the county	22,992
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	19,837
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,155

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

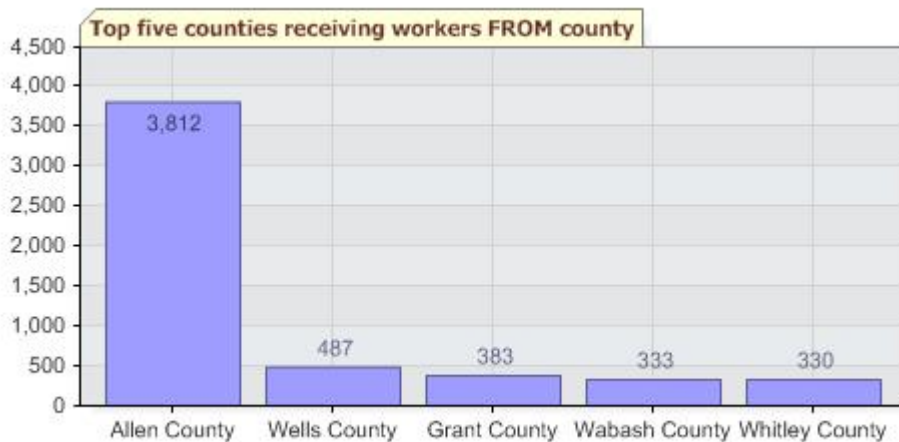
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	898	33.1%
Grant County	547	20.2%
Wabash County	480	17.7%
Wells County	425	15.7%
Whitley County	290	9.9%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Allen County	3,812	71.3%
Wells County	487	9.1%
Grant County	383	7.2%
Wabash County	333	6.2%
Whitley County	330	6.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

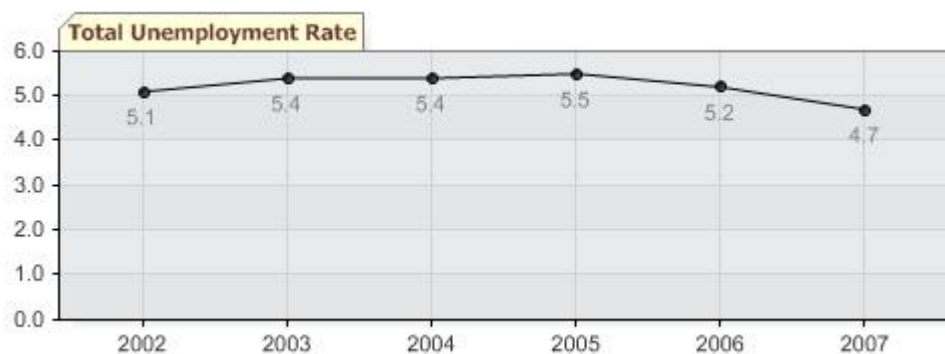
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	19,317	100.0%
Travel To Work	18,599	96.3%
Car, Truck, or Van	17,703	91.6%
Traveled Alone	15,733	81.4%
Carpooled	1,970	10.2%
Used Public Transportation	46	0.2%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	850	4.4%
Worked At Home	718	3.7%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	20.4	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	33.3	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

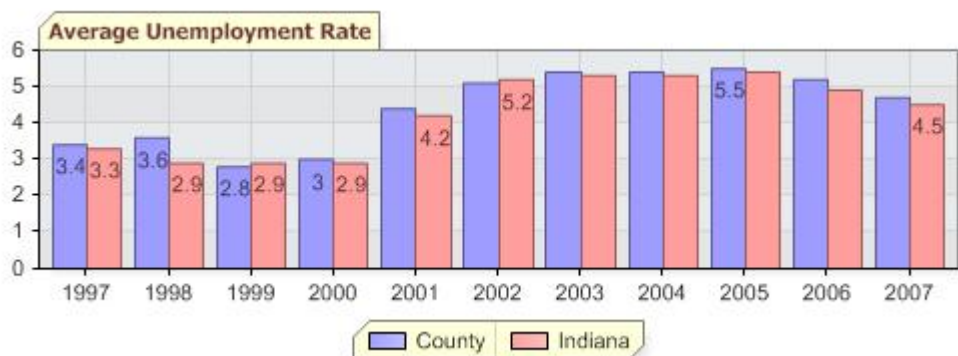
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	20,107	-3.8%
Employed	19,157	-5.6%
Unemployed	950	54.0%
Rate	4.7	56.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	20,851	20,147	704	3.4	3.3
1998	20,969	20,221	748	3.6	2.9
1999	20,596	20,014	582	2.8	2.9
2000	20,904	20,287	617	3.0	2.9
2001	20,683	19,764	919	4.4	4.2
2002	20,635	19,577	1,058	5.1	5.2
2003	20,572	19,455	1,117	5.4	5.3
2004	20,506	19,389	1,117	5.4	5.3
2005	20,586	19,447	1,139	5.5	5.4
2006	20,599	19,529	1,070	5.2	4.9
2007	20,107	19,157	950	4.7	4.5



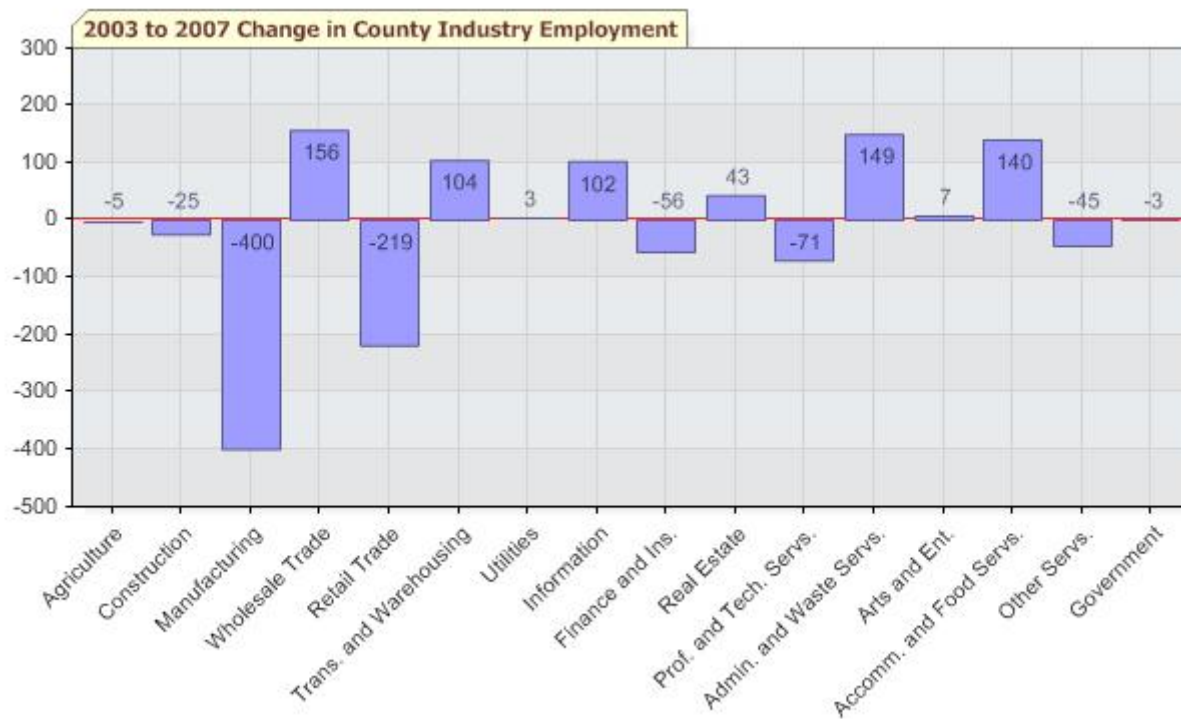
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	15,256	15,368	15,264	15,132	15,092	-164	-1.07%
Total Private Employment	13,619	13,697	13,584	13,538	13,458	-161	-1.18%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	150	167	161	133	145	-5	-3.33%
Mining	63	63	57	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	489	485	505	469	464	-25	-5.11%
Manufacturing	4,742	4,695	4,655	4,567	4,342	-400	-8.44%
Wholesale Trade	424	448	505	533	580	156	36.79%
Retail Trade	1,837	1,866	1,683	1,654	1,618	-219	-11.92%
Transport. and Warehousing	554	569	622	656	658	104	18.77%
Utilities	53	52	56	55	56	3	5.66%
Information	331	365	343	338	433	102	30.82%
Finance and Insurance	453	454	410	396	397	-56	-12.36%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	103	96	92	134	146	43	41.75%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	288	210	180	174	217	-71	-24.65%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	10	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	456	570	555	597	605	149	32.68%
Educational Services	242	247	259	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,659	1,684	1,674	1,707	1,625	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	87	73	96	101	94	7	8.05%
Accommodation and Food Service	1,223	1,219	1,278	1,302	1,363	140	11.45%
Other Services	456	425	441	400	411	-45	-9.87%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,637	1,671	1,680	1,594	1,634	-3	-0.18%

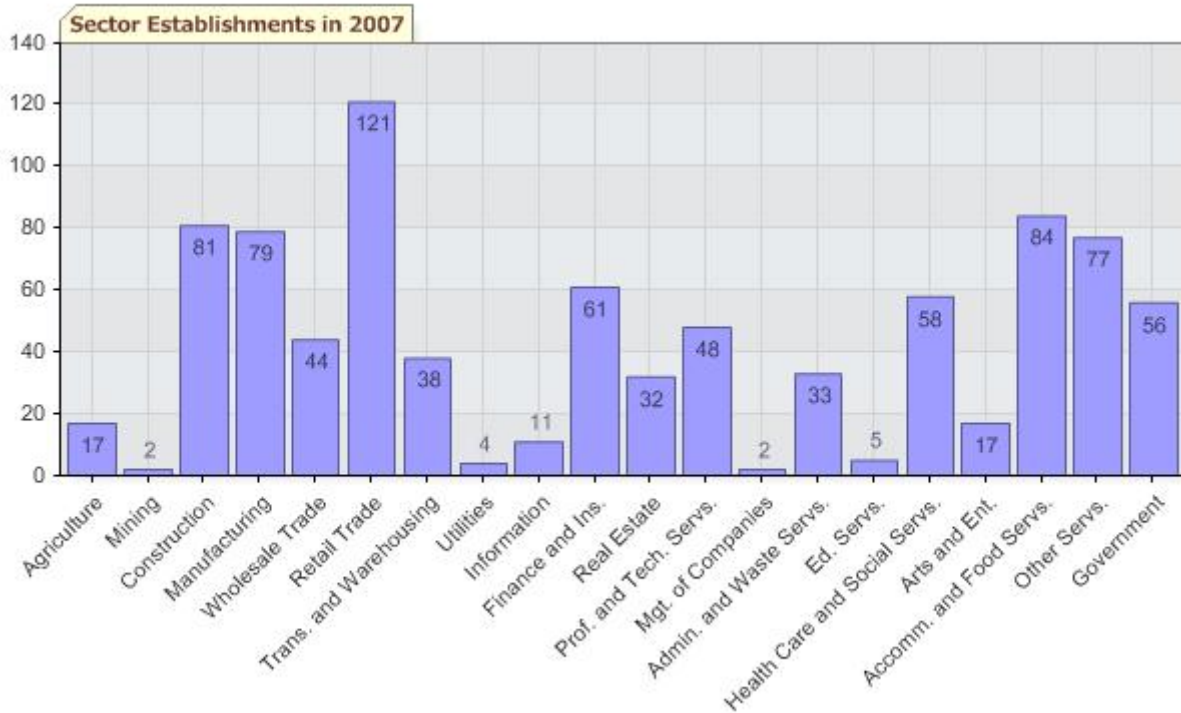


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	840	839	849	851	870	30	3.57%
Total Private Establishments	787	785	795	797	814	27	3.43%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	14	16	17	18	17	3	21.43%
Mining	5	5	5	D	D	-3	-60.00%
Construction	95	90	84	82	81	-14	-14.74%
Manufacturing	73	76	73	76	79	6	8.22%
Wholesale Trade	39	40	44	45	44	5	12.82%
Retail Trade	125	126	126	122	121	-4	-3.20%
Transport. and Warehousing	34	33	37	34	38	4	11.76%
Utilities	5	4	4	4	4	-1	-20.00%
Information	9	11	9	10	11	2	22.22%
Finance and Insurance	57	58	56	57	61	4	7.02%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	27	27	27	31	32	5	18.52%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	48	45	46	47	48	0	0.00%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	3	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	27	24	28	28	33	6	22.22%
Educational Services	5	3	4	D	D	0	0.00%
Health Care and Social Assistance	59	62	61	59	58	-1	-1.69%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	12	12	16	18	17	5	41.67%
Accommodation and Food Service	80	80	80	81	84	4	5.00%
Other Services	71	73	75	76	77	6	8.45%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	53	54	54	54	56	3	5.66%



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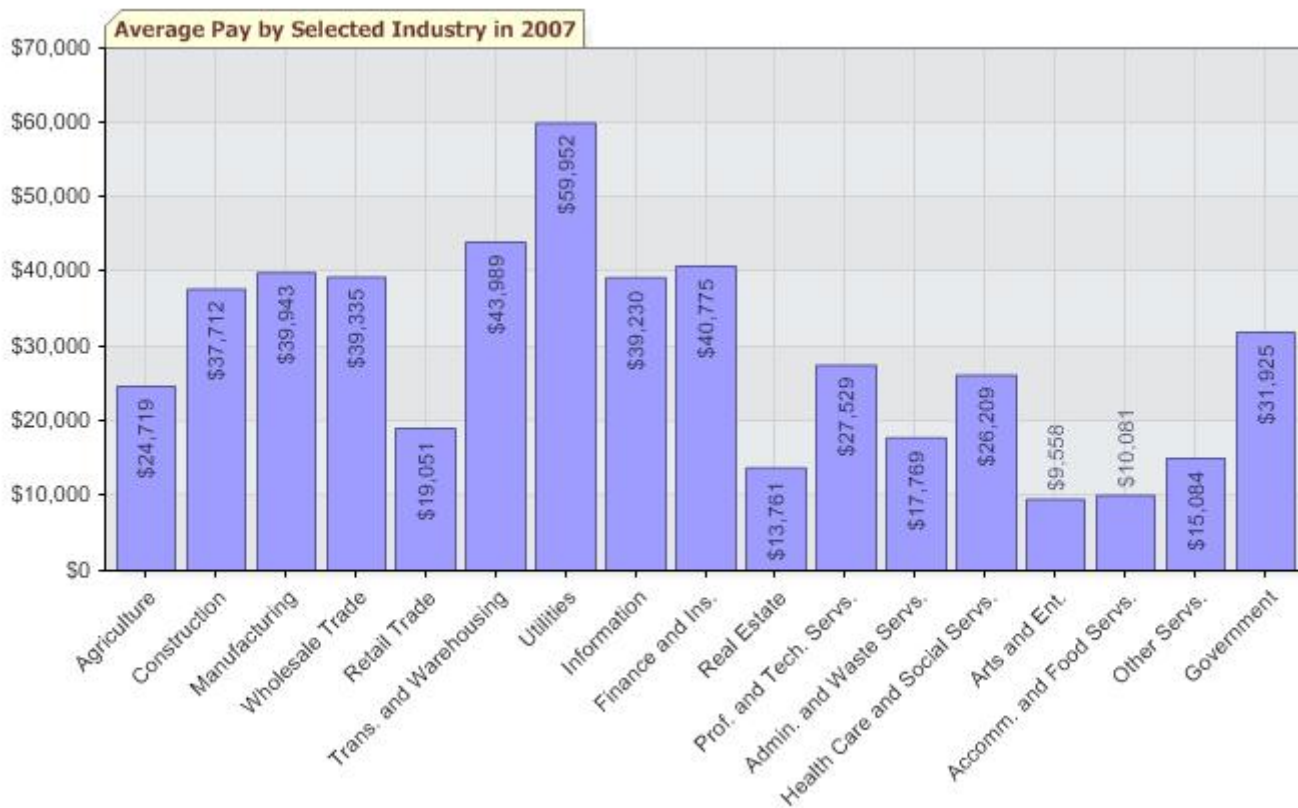
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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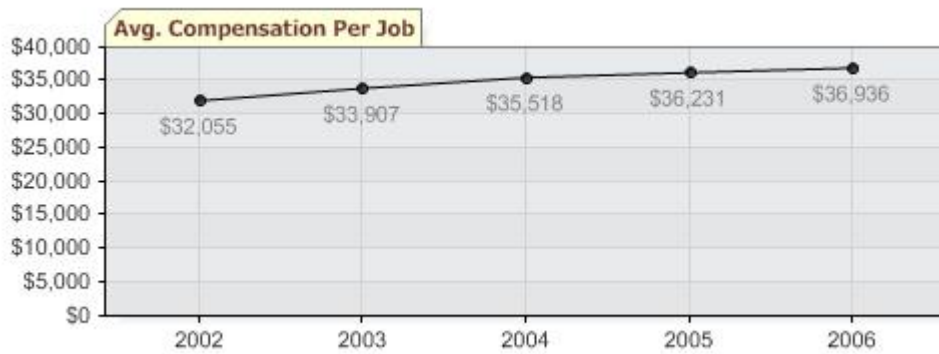
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$27,519	\$30,371	\$2,853	10.4%	\$37,530	80.9%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$22,803	\$24,719	\$1,917	8.4%	\$28,008	88.3%
Mining	\$41,259	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$33,354	\$37,712	\$4,358	13.1%	\$44,754	84.3%
Manufacturing	\$34,692	\$39,943	\$5,251	15.1%	\$51,148	78.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$31,807	\$39,335	\$7,528	23.7%	\$51,432	76.5%
Retail Trade	\$21,423	\$19,051	-\$2,372	-11.1%	\$22,581	84.4%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$35,229	\$43,989	\$8,760	24.9%	\$38,012	115.7%
Utilities	\$53,934	\$59,952	\$6,018	11.2%	\$68,267	87.8%
Information	\$33,319	\$39,230	\$5,911	17.7%	\$46,311	84.7%
Finance & Insurance	\$35,912	\$40,775	\$4,863	13.5%	\$52,649	77.4%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$14,824	\$13,761	-\$1,063	-7.2%	\$32,614	42.2%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$33,800	\$27,529	-\$6,272	-18.6%	\$51,451	53.5%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$14,515	\$17,769	\$3,254	22.4%	\$24,934	71.3%
Education Svcs.	\$29,688	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$22,812	\$26,209	\$3,396	14.9%	\$37,706	69.5%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$7,415	\$9,558	\$2,143	28.9%	\$29,251	32.7%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,934	\$10,081	\$1,146	12.8%	\$12,442	81.0%
Other Svcs.	\$12,855	\$15,084	\$2,229	17.3%	\$24,862	60.7%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$30,278	\$31,925	\$1,647	5.4%	\$37,054	86.2%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

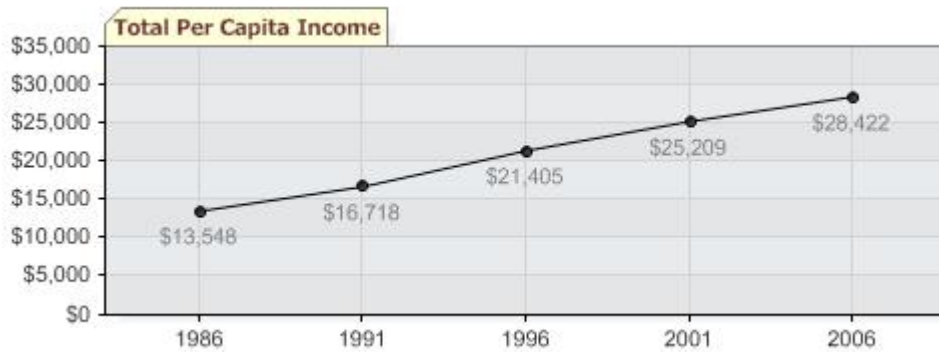
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$32,055	\$33,907	\$35,518	\$36,231	\$36,936
Change Since 2002		\$1,852	\$3,463	\$4,176	\$4,881
Pct. Change Since 2002		5.8%	10.8%	13.0%	15.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$13,548	\$16,718	\$21,405	\$25,209	\$28,422
Change Since 1986		\$3,170	\$7,857	\$11,661	\$14,874
Pct. Change Since 1986		23.4%	58.0%	86.1%	109.8%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$30,371
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	33.7%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

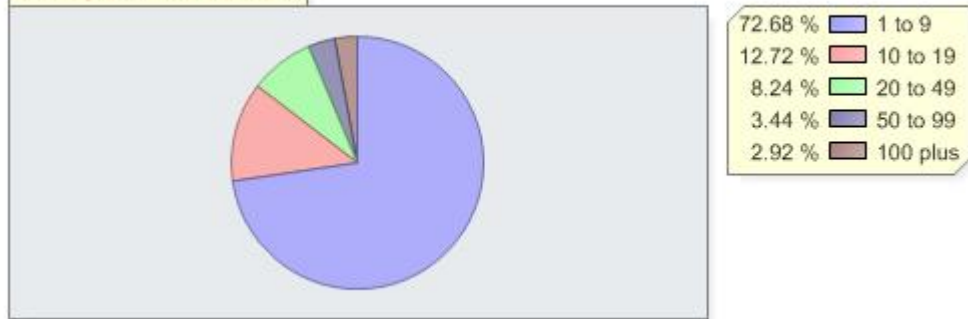
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	697	92	15.2%	72.7%
10-19 employees	122	-11	-8.3%	12.7%
20-49 employees	79	14	21.5%	8.2%

50-99 employees	33	4	13.8%	3.4%
100 plus employees	28	-3	-9.7%	2.9%
TOTAL	959	96	11.1%	100.0%

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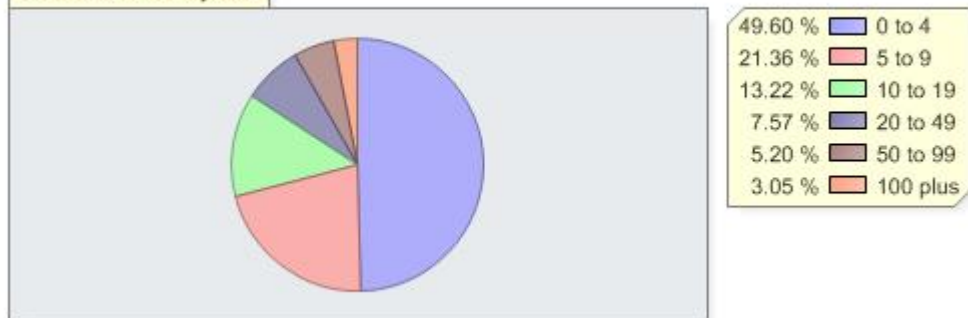


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	439	49.6%
5 to 9 employees	189	21.4%
10 to 19 employees	117	13.2%
20 to 49 employees	67	7.6%
50 to 99 employees	46	5.2%
100 plus employees	27	3.1%
TOTAL	885	100.0%

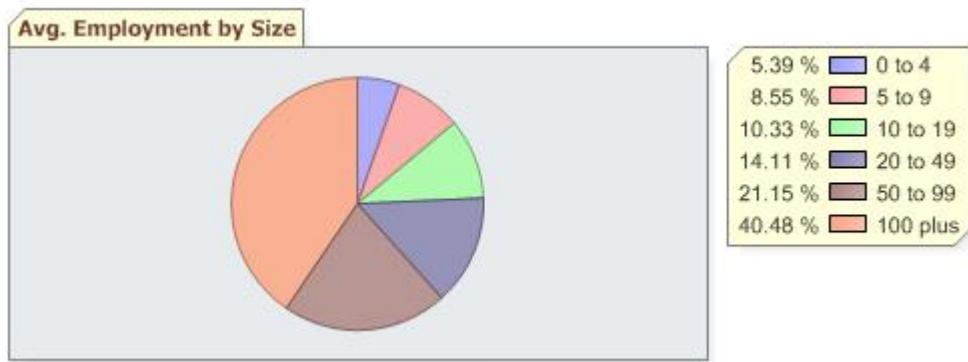
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	798	5.4%
5 to 9 employees	1,267	8.6%
10 to 19 employees	1,530	10.3%
20 to 49 employees	2,090	14.1%
50 to 99 employees	3,134	21.2%
100 plus employees	5,997	40.5%
TOTAL	14,816	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.